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TAGS: US, YS, UK, EAIR

SUBJECT: SALE OF US TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO PDRY (SOUTH
YEMEN)

1. DURING DISCUSSION BETWEEN FCO DESK OFFICER FOR THE
YEMENS, BEAUMONT, AND EMBOFF ON APRIL 21, FORMER RAISED
ISSUE OF SALE OF US TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO PDRY (SOUTH
YEMEN). PROPOSED SALE CONCERNED, AS BEAUMONT UNDER-
STOOD IT, SECOND-HAND BOEING 707 AND TWO NEW BOEING
737'S. BRITISH UNDERSTAND SALE WAS "VETOED" BY USG.
BRITISH HAVE BECOME INVOLVED BECAUSE A BRITISH AIRCRAFT
BROKERAGE FIRM, D. K. AVIATION, WAS BROKERING THE DEAL
AND STOOD TO MAKE A PROFIT OF 200,000 POUNDS, NEARLY
400,000 DOLLARS. D. K. AVIATION IS VERY DISAPPOINTED
AND HAS COMPLAINED TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, ASSERTING
THAT US ACTION IS POINTLESS SINCE SOUTH YEMENI AIRLINE,
ALYENDA, CAN BUY AIRCRAFT FROM OTHER SOURCES. D. K.
AVIATION ALSO ASSERTS THAT ALYENDA IS PARTLY SAUDI-
OWNED.

2. EMBOFF, ON THE BASIS OF INFORMAL GUIDANCE FROM
DEPT., NOTED THAT USG HAD WITHHELD APPROVAL OF SALE
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BECAUSE OF SOUTH YEMENI SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISTS. BEAUMONT SAID FCO DOUBTS THAT ALYENDA
IS PARTLY SAUDI-OWNED, BUT ASKED EMBOFF IF HE COULD
FIND OUT WHETHER THIS IS THE CASE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
REPLY TO THIS QUESTION FROM EMBASSY JIDDA.

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